MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

4:15 P.M.

Room 326, House Office Building

Chairman Wenke called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Ward, Byrnes, Spade. (5/7)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Palmer, Lipsey. (2/7)

Representative Spade moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Emmons** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

Representative Emmons moved to approve the minutes of the February 28 and March 9, 2006 meetings. **Representative Byrnes** supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Wenke laid HB 6014, HB 6015 and HB 6016 before the committee.

HB 6014 Elsenheimer Higher education; private; general corporation act requirements

applicable to educational corporations; exempt bible colleges.

HB 6015 Hummel Higher education; private; licensing requirements applicable to certain

proprietary schools; exempt bible colleges.

HB 6016 Palmer Higher education; private; state regulation of educational programs

leading to diplomas, certificates, or degrees; exempt bible colleges.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, sponsor of **HB 6014**, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.

Dr. Jon M. Jenkins, representing Grace Baptist Church, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6014**, **HB 6015** and **HB 6016**.

Matthew J. Davis, representing Grace Baptist Church, testified before the committee in support of HB 6014, HB 6015 and HB 6016.

Hal Downs, representing Americans United-Michigan, testified before the committee in opposition to HB 6014, HB 6015 and HB 6016.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **5:22 p.m.**

Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070